

ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

State Plan Goals 2001-2006



GETTING THE JOB DONE Through

EDUCATION

All children with developmental disabilities, including children from culturally diverse communities and underserved and unserved areas in the state of Arizona, will have full access to a free and appropriate public education with additional academic supports as necessary to allow for equal participation within their community.

- ◆ 2,500 parents and students statewide will be knowledgeable on their roles, rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- ◆ The number of teachers who are credentialed will increase by 10% and the state of Arizona will be competitive in the recruitment and retention of teachers.
- ◆ 600 media events statewide will portray individuals with developmental disabilities who are productive, independent and included in their communities, with at least 300 events demonstrating the positive impact of special education.
- ◆ 1,000 students statewide will lead and/or participate in their own Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
- ◆ 2,500 parents and students statewide will be knowledgeable about their roles, rights and responsibilities in the area of transition at all levels of educational process, to include post-secondary education.

EMPLOYMENT

Individuals with developmental disabilities, including individuals from culturally diverse communities and underserved and unserved areas, will be able to work without discrimination or losing needed benefits, while achieving and sustaining a quality of life that allows for choice, maximum independence and respect.

- ◆ Persons with developmental disabilities will be able to keep their health care benefits when they return to work with the passage of Medicaid buy-in legislation.
- ◆ 500 individuals with developmental disabilities, employers, professionals and families reflecting the diversity of the state will know their rights and opportunities under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Individuals with developmental disabilities, including individuals from culturally diverse communities and underserved and unserved areas, will decide who provides their services, what services are appropriate and select employment goals that are meaningful to them.

- ◆ 10 individuals with developmental disabilities who are currently in sheltered workshop settings will be employed in appropriate competitive employment, with necessary supports.
- ◆ 50 individuals with developmental disabilities, their employers and potential employers, will have been educated on natural employment supports and natural employment support plan development and implementation

Individuals with developmental disabilities, including individuals from culturally diverse communities and underserved and unserved areas in Arizona, will be afforded the maximum opportunities and funding for their employment services.

- ◆ A study will be completed to identify employment services and supports, conduct gap analysis, identify barriers and make recommendations including advocacy strategies for improved services and supports.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

All adults with developmental disabilities and their families, including individuals from culturally diverse communities and underserved and unserved areas, have plans for successful aging.

- ◆ 500 individuals with developmental disabilities and/or their families statewide will have knowledge regarding the full range of legal options, such as special needs trusts, power of attorney and guardianship.

All people with developmental disabilities and their families, including individuals from culturally diverse communities and underserved and unserved areas, will receive the information, advocacy and supports that they need throughout their lifetime for full community involvement.

- ◆ 6 existing adult recreation programs will include individuals with developmental disabilities in their programs.
- ◆ 200 adults with developmental disabilities and their families statewide will be informed about aging issues and futures planning/retirement.
- ◆ 500 individuals with developmental disabilities will have emergency plans in place.
- ◆ 100 individuals with developmental disabilities will have access to a quarterly updated statewide affordable and accessible multi-family housing database.
- ◆ 100 local government infrastructures, housing developers, architects and statewide housing agencies will be informed and educated about the affordable accessible multi-family and single family housing needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.
- ◆ Individuals with developmental disabilities in urban areas and 25 remote areas will be able to access a web site that provides local, state and national information on developmental disabilities topics.
- ◆ 75 individuals with developmental disabilities will be supported in their advocacy efforts towards accessible transportation in their local communities.
- ◆ 75 individuals with developmental disabilities will be informed of and have access to existing transportation reimbursement programs in their local communities.
- ◆ 10 individuals with developmental disabilities under the age of twenty-two, residing in an adult correctional facility and being served in an adult correctional facility will participate in a mentoring program. The mentoring program will include the collection of data to track successful engagement, community integration and reduction of recommitment to Arizona Department of Corrections for an 18-month period. Selection of mentors will include consideration of cultural and individual diversity of mentees.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All people with developmental disabilities, who qualify as individuals with developmental disabilities under the Federal definition of developmental disabilities, across the State of Arizona, including those from culturally diverse unserved and underserved communities will have access to an issue based organization run by and for self-advocates.

- ◆ A statewide, self-sustaining coalition led by individuals with developmental disabilities will be established with a member base of at least 50 people who address issues relevant to their future and success.
- ◆ 250 youth and adults with developmental disabilities statewide will have a greater awareness of their leadership potential and have been provided leadership opportunities.
- ◆ The Council will support the active participation of 6 individuals with disabilities, in one or more, cross disability and culturally diverse, statewide issue based, disability advocacy coalitions.

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